

# **Growth Management Oversight Commission**

**September 14, 2004**

**Public Services Building  
Conference Rooms 2&3**

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## **MINUTES**

### **GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Arroyo	Krogh
Munoz	Nordstrom
O'Neill	Palma
Spethman	Garcia
Tripp	

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Dan Forster, Growth Management Coordinator  
Jim Hare, Deputy Dir. – Community Dev.  
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

### **SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Dr. Ed Brand  
Bruce Hussen, COO  
Katy Wright, Dir. Planning & Construction  
Cathy Tanner, Asst. in Plan. & Const. Dept.  
Randall Duncan, Program Director

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chairman called for approval of the minutes. Commissioners Spethman and Krogh moved and seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF SUHSD LONG RANGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

Chairman Nordstrom thanked the District for the copies of the plan that were sent to all of the Commissioners. He welcomed the opportunity for the District and the City to share information and work towards a mutually beneficial association going forward. He pointed out that there was an obvious gap existing between the finances needed to meet the requirements of the Plan and what is actually available for expenditure.

Dr. Ed Brand thanked the group for having them present and agreed with the Chairman his hopes for continued positive dialogue between the two groups. He introduced Bruce Hussen, the Chief Operating Officer (COO) to give a breakdown of the components of the Plan. Mr. Hussen

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introduced the other members of the District, and stated that the objective of the LRFMP is to identify, quantify and prioritize what the current and future needs of the schools are. He noted that it was the demand of the Board to achieve parity for all the schools. He also stated that programs are continually modified to accommodate State changes and standards. Mr. Hussen explained that the formulation of the LRFMP involved meetings with the various communities, construction and escalation factors, demographic and cost analyses, etc. It is static as it is based on dynamic variables over which the District has no control.

The members enquired about financing and the COO outlined some of the GMOC sources of funding to be used for the work in the FMP such as State, District Bond measures, sales tax, etc. Mr. Hussen concluded by stating that the District will continue to execute work as fast as the resources allow and continue to report to the communities.

Dr. Brand stated that schools are to play a central role in the communities and the SUHSD is seeking to create an optimum learning environment. He pointed out that the standards of this District are higher than others around the County.

The Commissioners agreed that they would welcome periodical progress reports on the LRFMP and were directed to the District's website. Dr. Brand stated that the District would return whenever the Commission requested.

Commissioner Nordstrom asked about the sort of thresholds the District would propose for the GMOC to look at so that it's more than "a butt in a seat", and how can this be portrayed to the Council and citizens. Mr. Hussen clarified that the term "accommodates" really means that each student gets the full range of educational services and programs, as required by law and all the associated needs of his/her learning experience are met. The threshold should be whether the SUHSD is housing students according to their stated strategy.

Dr. Brand stated that this Commission can assist the District by informing their spheres of influence of the work that the District is doing and connect them with pertinent agencies and organizations so they can stay in the limelight. Dr. Brand invited the Commissioners to take part in "Principal for a Day" program, which would enlighten them of the day-to-day issues of running a campus. The Chairman highly recommended participation in that. Commissioner Krogh asked if it was reasonable for the City to have Schools as one of the threshold standards, being the District is primarily outside of the City's control. Dr. Brand stated that both groups should work so that the citizens would benefit from amicable working of the government as they are both serving the same constituents. He invited the

Commissioners to an upcoming open house at which the performance of the high schools will be presented. Dan Forster suggested that for the threshold to be structured for growth management it should relate directly to growth, such as the stream of funding necessary to implement the LRFMP over the next five years, which can be tracked. That would create a tangible milestone.

**5. SCHEDULE FOR HIGH SCHOOL 13 AND OPTIONS FOR UNANTICIPATED DELAYS**

Ms. Wright distributed a site plan for High School #13 to the Commissioners. The size of the campus is 54 acres, presently owned by Mc Millin Company and the Birch Foundation and the District is in the process of purchasing. The EIR was approved by the SUHSD Board on 8/16. She explained the proposed timeline for construction and occupancy. The program is on schedule for a Phase 1 opening in July or September of 2007. A reasonable amount of delay has been included in the schedule.

**6. REVIEW MODIFIED 2003-04 SCHOOLS REPORT ELEMENT**

The Chairman advised the SUHSD of the action taken by the GMOC regarding their "statements of concern" and on the meeting of thresholds. Dr. Brand asked for time to review the document, which would be sent to them by Dan. The Commission elected to postpone action till the District reviews draft revisions; GMOC to also discuss pending comments by District. The SUHSD members departed at this point.

Dan stated that he had made the changes in the Schools Element, which the group discussed; all the Commissioners briefly stated their opinions. On item 3.11.3B Re: construction of HS #13 schedule, a motion was made to remove the "statement of concern" by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Spethman, the motion passed 8-1-0. Dan would undertake the actual formatting and verbiage and forward to Dr. Brand indicating the change made.

On item 3.11.12, school financing in western Chula Vista, the group discussed the relevance of retaining the "statement of concern" and concluded by consensus, that the statement of concern be removed while it should remain "an issue". Changes will be made to the cover memo to match the changes in the document. The Chairman suggested a revised draft be emailed to the GMOC members and any additional changes can be individually dealt with.

**7. GMOC SCHEDULE FOR THE 2004-2005 REVIEW CYCLE**

Dan deferred the schedule discussion to the next meeting with the one change of 9/30 to 10/14.

**8. OTHER ISSUES**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Rabbia Phillip  
Secretary

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Daniel Forster  
Growth Management Coordinator